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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, UN
SUBJ: UN OUTER SPACE: CONSULTATION WITH SOVIET ON GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT QUESTION

1. AT SOVIET REQUEST USDEL MET WITH SOVDEL AT SOVIET MISSION
TO UN ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21 PRIOR TO SESSION TO DISCUSS
GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT (GSO).
2. SOVIET DEL ANNOUNCED THEIR OPPOSITION TO REGULATION OF
THE USE OF GSO; STATED THEIR VIEW THAT GSO IS PART OF OUTER SPACE
WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE TERM AS USED IN THE 1967 OUTER
SPACE TREATY; AND ASSUMING US VIEWS WERE THE SAME, ASKED
US DEL'S ADVICE ON TACTICS.
3. US DEL PROCEEDED ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTIONS. SOVIETS
EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE ON THE FLOOR FROM FIVE AS-
PECTS:
 - A) GSO IS NOT UNIQUE BUT THERE IS A CONTINUUM OF OR-
BITS IN WHICH SATELLITES ARE MORE OR LESS STATIONARY.
 - B) GOS IS COVERED BY 1967 OUTER SPACE TREATY; THUS NO
SEPARATE LEGAL REGIME IS NEEDED OR APPROPRIATE.
 - C) THE ITU ALREADY EXERCISES A REGULATORY FUNCTION WITH RE-
SPECT TO THE QUESTION OF INTERFERENCES BETWEEN COMMUN-
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- CATIONS SATELLITES IN GSO.
- D) COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER AND BE GUIDED BY THE RE-
CENT SECRETARIAT STUDY ON GSO IN PLANNING THEIR ACTIVI-
TIES IN THE FUTURE.
 - E) THE BEST USES OF THE GSO WOULD RESULT FROM INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION EITHER ON BILATERAL BASIS OR THROUGH
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WMO THAT CAN FACILITATE COOR-

DINATION OF EFFORTS. YOUNG

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